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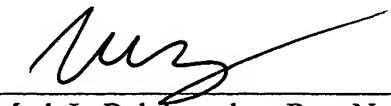
Applicants file this continuation application based on co-pending patent application Serial No. 10/099,859, filed March 15, 2002 (the “parent application”), and respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the continuation application.

Applicants amend the specification to revise the “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION” section inserting the proper claim for priority and serial number of the parent application. Additionally, Applicants provide a set of formal drawings for the Official Draftperson’s review to replace the set of informal drawings submitted herewith. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper to the Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants intend to file a second preliminary amendment. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner contact the undersigned prior to examining the case if the second preliminary amendment has not been filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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